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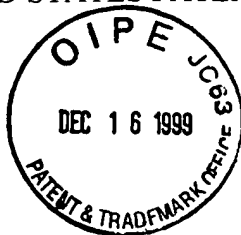
In re Application of

Mark T. KEATING et al.

Serial No. 09/258,217

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VASCULAR DISEASE



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 17 November 1999 imposing a restriction requirement, Applicants elect to have Group I (claims 1-6 and 9-10) examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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